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Title : Need to sanction funds for construction of bridges and Thuravoor-Pamba road connecting Alappuzha and Kottayam districts of Kerala.

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SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): I would like to draw you kind attention towards the increasing popularity of Sabarimala in Kerala. Steep increase in the number of devotees thronging this religious centre from all over the country and abroad is seen. Besides Sabarimala, St. Alphonsa Church, Bharanganam, Kanhiramattom Mosque, Vaikom Mahadev Temple, Kaduthuruthy Mahadeva Temple are also attracting large number of devotees from all over the country. Thuravoor-Pamba road is a long cherished dream of Keralites, especially devotees to get early access to the above pilgrim centres. It will save minimum 50 kms. of distance by road. The two bridges namely Thuravoor-Thykkattussery Bridge (approx. cost Rs. 39 crore) and Makkekkadavu-Nerakkadavu Bridge (approx. cost Rs. 65 crore) besides development of existing road (approx. cost Rs 4 crore) have to be constructed on this road which connects Alappuzha and Kottayam districts.

The completion of the above projects will give a big boost to the overall development of the area. The above works may kindly be considered on top priority for the development of pilgrim centres by sanctioning necessary funds from NABARD or Central Road Fund.